

Readings, Prayers, Sermon Notes, Psalms, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25 2024

## **CONCORDIA**

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
725 Truxton Drive, Kingsport, TN.  
concordiakingsport/facebook 10:30am

**SECOND  
SUNDAY OF  
LENT  
2024**

Hymn of Invocation      **Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow**      428

**+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism +**

### Introit Psalm 115

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. **You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.** The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; **he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.** We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

### PSALM 22

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.** From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. **For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. **Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;** they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it. **Glory to the Father and do the + Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.** In the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

### APPOINTED READINGS 25 FEBRUARY 2024

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16      Romans 5:1–11      Mark 8:27–38

### ***By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God***

- In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him “the father of a multitude of nations.” It is “an everlasting covenant” in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed “throughout their generations” (Gen. 17:1–7)
- Because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds “on the things of God,” and not “on the things of man” (Mark 8:33).
- “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been “reconciled to God by the death of his Son,” much more “shall we be saved by his life” (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

### **Confession of Our Common Faith: The Nicene Creed**

**SERMON**

We thank Pastor Ed Fehskens for bringing God's Word to us this morning

**PRAAYER OF THE CHURCH    SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT    25 FEBRUARY 2024**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit, that we might deny ourselves, take up the crosses You give and follow Your Son through this troubled life into heaven. Prepare us to give up our lives, knowing that Christ has already saved them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, give the Church and all her servants grace to fulfill the ministries to which You have committed them. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, teach us to shun neither our Lord's suffering nor our own. When we endure persecution or ridicule for being Your children, give us faith and perseverance. As You have promised, deliver us out of the hand of the wicked and redeem us from the grasp of the ruthless. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, Abraham was only one when You called him, but You blessed and multiplied him. Protect mothers with child, and equip fathers to lead and raise their households in Your fear and love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, all kingship belongs to You, and You rule over the nations. Bless Joseph, our president, and those who govern, that they may rule wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great Physician, heal and restore. [*We especially remember* \_\_\_\_\_.] Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, at Your table the afflicted eat the body and blood of Your Son and are satisfied. Through our afflictions, deepen our hunger for this table, that we may eat and drink and be satisfied by Christ's saving life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**